

I. REMARKS

These remarks will follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

A. Claim Objections

Applicant has corrected or amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's claim objections.

B. Drawings

Applicant has amended the drawings to overcome the Examiner's drawing objections.

C. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner stated that it was not clear whether the claims were directed to a liner per se or to the combination of a liner and unvulcanized materials. Applicant notes that the only remaining independent claim, claim 1, is now clearly directed to a system that comprises a sheet of unvulcanized elastomeric material as well as a liner. Thus, Applicant believes that this claim rejection has been overcome.

D. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims based both on the patent of Foster and the document WO 90/08708. Applicant notes that all the claims now require both a liner and sheet of unvulcanized elastomeric material. Applicant contends that there is no provision or suggestion of using any type of elastomeric material along with a liner in any of the art of record. Thus, Applicant believes that this rejection has been overcome.

E. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicant notes that the claim amendments as well as the comments made regarding claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 overcome this rejection as well.

II. CONCLUSION

In response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2005, claims 7, 16, 17, and 18 were cancelled, and claims 19, 20, and 21 were added. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 6 have been amended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121. It is believed these amendments have placed the amended claims in conformance with the requirements of the Office Action. At this point, Applicant believes that the claims remaining in the case distinguish over the art cited and comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102, §103, and §112. As such, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

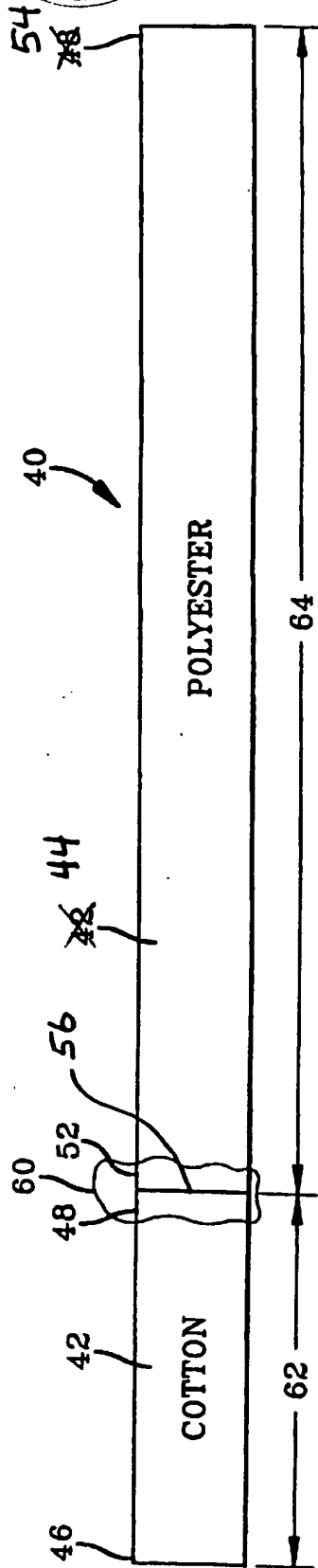
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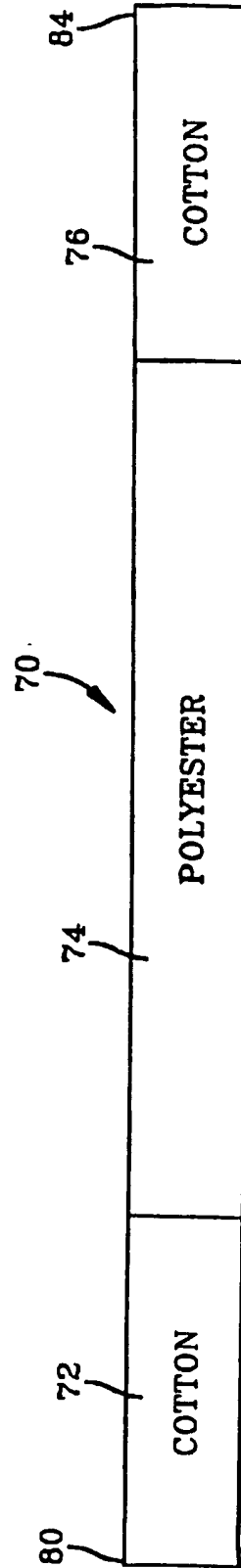
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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF AN A-FRAME SUPPORT LINER

FIG-3

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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF A SURFACE WINDER SUPPORT LINER

FIG-4

REPLACEMENT
SHEET